## Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of	)	
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Annual Assessment of the Status of	)	MB Docket No. 12-203
Competition in the Market for the	)	
Delivery of Video Programming	)	

## COMMENTS OF Capital Community Television (CCTV) of Salem, Oregon

**Capital Community Television (CCTV)** submits these comments in response to the above- captioned Notice of Inquiry ("NOI"), released July 20, 2012, seeking "data, information, and comment on the state of competition in the delivery of video programming."

Capital Community Television provides the only local TV in the Salem, Oregon area. With about 250,000 people in the cable TV service area, Salem is the largest state capital without a local broadcast station. Except for several radio stations and a monopoly daily newspaper, commercial media have left Salem behind. Caught in between the media markets of Portland and Eugene with little chance of having local commercial TV, visionary leaders in Salem and Marion County decided to take matters into their own hands and create CCTV in 1989.

CCTV, a non-profit organization, fulfilled its charge and mission: we put our community on TV. We used the modest resources and channels provided in the franchise with then-cable operator Viacom and added a tremendous amount of community sweat equity with volunteer effort. A long list of governments, schools and community groups and individuals were televised for the first time, including: the Salem City Council and Marion County Commission; the Salem Hospital, the Salem Chamber of Commerce, and Salem City Club; high school and small college football and basketball; high school and middle school choirs, bands and orchestras; the American Red Cross, Humane Society, YWCA, Salem Art Association and Mano a Mano; local churches and individuals.

Time passed. CCTV's work value in the community dramatically grew. Our cable company merged or was sold three times. Our leaders built on earlier successes, required more community TV resources in the local cable TV franchise and enabled CCTV to build a vital community center of communications. We moved from 2400 square feet in the basement of the Salem Public Library to a modern 9400 square foot center in downtown Salem. We continued to train hundreds of people, televise and stream hundreds of hours of programs made of, by and for our community. We thought that our work and the work of our colleagues around the country was known, and that the importance of local decision-making in public right-of-way management, including local franchising of cable TV, was recognized.

However, we note in the FCC'S NOI the lack of PEG access in Section IV, KEY INDUSTRY INPUTS, A. Video Content Creators and Aggregators. While our budgets are a tiny fraction of those listed, both in Salem and nationwide, our output dwarfs their work. We enter our work for the record. What other TV can match this local record?

**Open government**: CCTV televises and streams live the Salem City Council, Marion County Commission, Salem-Keizer School Board and Salem Area Transit District, including budget meetings. Meetings are repeated on the channels and added to a ten-year web archive of government meetings. In 23 years, we've televised over 2500 meetings.

Emergency information and training of police and fire staff: CCTV has trained Salem Police and Fire staff, and has provided the studio and technical work that has allowed the Salem Fire Department to provide additional training while avoiding shift disruption and costly overtime. Further, CCTV is being outfitted as a Joint Information Center (JIC) for the City of Salem in the event of large-scale emergencies. Located three blocks from local governments, CCTV will rapidly transform into an information center.

Connecting schools with the community: CCTV televises performing arts class concerts plus sports events. In the past ten days CCTV covered the opening of two new elementary schools to provide in-depth information to the community. CCTV has televised more than 1200 school-related programs.

Connecting non-profit service organizations with the community: in additional to general channel use by about 150 local organizations and government agencies (see attachment), CCTV has produced highly-valued video brochures for service organizations. CCGTV currently has 44 such brochures on its website <a href="www.cctvsalem.org/nonprofit/">www.cctvsalem.org/nonprofit/</a>. These agencies link to CCTV-hosted video for their web pages, YouTube and Facebook.

Connecting churches and individuals with the community: many local churches use CCTV's channels to extend their reach. CCTV schedules religious shows in six languages. Individuals take advantage of the same opportunity to reach the community.

Thanks to local franchising and decision-making, our channels are the same in quantity, quality, accessibility and functionality as in June of 2010. Comcast, our MVPD, provides eight PEG channels. Four are in use, with provisions in place for addition of channels as programming grows. Our PEG channels are on the most basic tier, on channels 21, 22, 23 and 27. Extra equipment is required of all subscribers on digital tiers, and Comcast will eliminate the remaining analog tier this fall. CCTV's channels can be received with the same equipment need to receive local broadcast signals.

We have not had the damage inflicted on other communities by AT&T. We have avoided the unfair treatment of PEG channels on U-Verse. Unfair placement and accessibility of U-verse would severely hurt the ability of people in our community to receive our programs.

FCC action is long overdue on the Alliance for Community media petition to undo the AT&T harm. Many communities have suffered the loss of channels and essential resources due to AT&T-sponsored legislation that has stolen local decision-making and eliminated or damaged local franchising. It is the job of the FCC to stand up to AT&T and stop the bleeding now. AT&T claimed that statewide franchising would lead to lower rates and the introduction of new, better technology. Neither has happened. We ask the FCC call AT&T at its game and restore the effective, fair, affordable local cable franchising that has been lost in many states.

We provide an invaluable service in Salem. Our local leaders made our work possible by making fair and modest requirements of our cable companies in return for their very profitable use of our local public rights-of-way. This system works. The FCC goal of competition is being met by the natural actions and work of the commercial industry. We ask that the FCC recognize the value of diverse, local PEG access programs and the need for federal policies that provide the transmission and resources essential to community-based work like ours and that of our colleagues.

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## **CCTV Partial List of Nonprofits Served**

- 1. A.B.A.T.E.
- 2. A.C. GIILBERT'S DISCOVERY VILLAGE
- 3. AGRI-PLAS
- 4. AKHA HERITAGE FOUNDATION
- 5. ALZHEIMER'S NETWORK OF OREGON
- 6. AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (AAUW)
- 7. AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
- 8. ASSISTANCE LEAGUE OF SALEM
- 9. BAHA'IS OF SALEM
- 10. BLANCHET CATHOLIC SCHOOL
- 11. BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB
- 12. BROADWAY LIFE CENTER (SALEM ALLIANCE CHURCH)
- 13. BROOKS ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH
- 14. BRUSH CREEK PLAYHOUSE
- 15. CAMERATA MUSICA
- 16. CAPITAL CALLIGRAPHERS
- 17. CAPITOL PRIDE OF SALEM
- 18. CASA of Marion County
- 19. CEILI OF THE VALLEY
- 20. CENTER 50+ (SALEM SENIOR CENTER)
- 21. CENTER FOR CULTURAL EXCHANGE
- 22. CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL THEATRE
- 23. CHRISTIAN WORLD FELLOWSHIP
- 24. CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
- 25. CITY OF SALEM HUMAN RIGHTS & RELATIONS COMMISSION
- 26. CITY OF SALEM NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
- 27. CITY OF SALEM PUBLIC LIBRARY
- 28. CITY OF SALEM DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES
- 29. CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH
- 30. CULTURAL HOMESTAY INTERNATIONAL
- 31. CULTURE SHOCK COMMUNITY PROJECT
- 32. DEMUNIZ PINE STREET RESOURCE CENTER
- 33. FAMILY BUILDING BLOCKS
- 34. FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
- 35. FENCES FOR FIDO
- 36. FERAL CAT COALITION OF OREGON
- 37. FIRE FIGHTERS BURN FOUNDATION
- 38. FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST
- 39. FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SALEM
- 40. FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SALEM
- 41. FREEDOM FRIENDS CHURCH
- 42. FRIENDS OF BUSH GARDENS
- 43. FRIENDS OF FELINES
- 44. FRIENDS OF THE SALEM PUBLIC LIBRARY
- 45. FULL GOSPEL BUSINESSMEN'S FELLOWSHIP IN AMERICA, SALEM CHAPTER
- 46. GETSMARTOREGON
- 47. GIRL SCOUTS OF AMERICA (SALEM)
- 48. GRUPO 24 HORAS—AA MOVIMIENTO
- 49. HABITAT FOR HUMANITY (OF THE MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY)

- 50. HANDS ARE NOT FOR HURTING PROJECT
- 51. HISTORIC DEEPWOOD ESTATE
- 52. HOME YOUTH & RESOURCE CENTER
- 53. HOPE SEGUN FOUNDATION
- 54. HOST YOUTH AND FAMILY PROGRAM (NW HUMAN SERVICES)
- 55. IGLESIA ADVENTISTA DE SALEM
- 56. INTERFAITH PEACE FESTIVAL
- 57. JENSEN ARCTIC MUSEUM
- 58. JOURNEY CHURCH OF SALEM
- 59. KOREAN CHURCH OF SALEM
- 60. KROC COMMUNITY CENTER (SALVATION ARMY)
- 61. LANCASTER ASSEMBLY OF GOD
- 62. LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS (OF MARION AND POLK COUNTIES)
- 63. LIBERTY HOUSE
- 64. LORD & SCHRYVER CONSERVANCY
- 65. MARION COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
- 66. MARION COUNTY DOG SHELTER
- 67. MARION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
- 68. MARION COUNTY OREGON LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS
- 69. MARION COUNTY RECYCLING
- 70. MARION COUNTY RE-ENTRY INITIATIVE
- 71. MARION COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
- 72. MARION-POLK FOOD SHARE
- 73. MCKAY HIGH SCHOOL
- 74. MERIT
- 75. MID-VALLEY LITERACY CENTER
- 76. MID VALLEY MENTORS
- 77. MID-VALLEY TRAVEL CLUB
- 78. MID-VALLEY WOMEN'S CRISIS SERVICE
- 79. MID-WILLAMETTE VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
- 80. MIND OPENERS CLUB
- 81. MISSION MILL MUSEUM
- 82. MOMS CLUB OF NORTH SALEM/KEIZER
- 83. MOMS CLUB OF SOUTH SALEM
- 84. MOPS
- 85. MORNINGSIDE UNITED METHODIST
- 86. MY PAL STICKY (DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP)
- 87. The NATURE CONSERVANCY IN OREGON
- 88. NEDCO
- 89. NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR MEDIATION SERVICES
- 90. NEW HOPE FOURSQUARE CHURCH
- 91. NORTHWEST HUMAN SERVICES
- 92. ONENESS COALITION
- 93. OREGON CHI
- 94. OREGON.GOV
- 95. OREGON HEALTH CONNECT
- 96. OREGON PEACE WORKS
- 97. OREGON REMEMBERS
- 98. OREGON'S SMOKEFREE WORKPLACE
- 99. OREGON SPIRIT CHORUS
- 100. OROSHA
- 101. PAULINE MEMORIAL A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

- 102. PENTACLE THEATRE
- 103. PLANNED PARENTHOOD
- 104. PRISON FELLOWSHIP
- 105. SALEM ART ASSOCIATION
- 106. SALEM CHAMBER ORCHESTRA
- 107. SALEM CITY CLUB
- 108. SALEM CONCERT BAND
- 109. SALEM FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION
- 110. SALEM FIRST FREE METHODIST CHURCH
- 111. SALEM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
- 112. SALEM FRIENDS OF FELINES
- 113. SALEM HEALTH (SALEM HOSPITAL) SALEM-KEIZER TOGETHER
- 114. SALEM HEALTH HEART & VASCULAR CENTER
- 115. SALEM INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK
- 116. SALEM-KEIZER EDUCATION FOUNDATION
- 117. SALEM KIWANIS CLUB
- 118. SALEM MULTICULTURAL INSTITUTE
- 119. SALEM PARKS FOUNDATION
- 120. SALEM PEACE MOSAIC
- 121. SALEM POLICE DEPARTMENT (CRIME PREVENTION UNIT)
- 122. SALEM PROGRESSIVE FILM SERIES
- 123. SALEM SPIRIT OF LIFE CHURCH
- 124. SALEM YOUTH SYMPHONY
- 125. SALEM'S RIVERFRONT CAROUSEL
- 126. SALEM VET CENTER
- 127. S.C.O.R.E.
- 128. SHANGRI-LA
- 129. S.K.I.T. THEATRE
- 130. SOUTH SALEM SENIORS
- 131. SOVAH (SERVING OUR VETERANS AT HOME—STAND DOWN)
- 132. STAND FOR CHILDREN
- 133. ST FRANCIS SHELTER
- 134. ST MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
- 135. ST PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
- 136. SUPREME MASTER CHINGHAI ORGANIZATION
- 137. TOPS (363-SALEM)
- 138. TRINITY COVENANT CHURCH
- 139. TURTLE RIDGE WILDLIFE CENTER
- 140. UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION OF SALEM
- 141. UNITY OF SALEM
- 142. WESTGATE CHURCH
- 143. WESTERN MENNONITE SCHOOL
- 144. WILLAMETTE ACADEMY
- 145. WILLAMETTE CHAPTER OF THE NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY
- 146. WILLAMETTE HERITAGE CENTER (Marion Co. Hist Soc & Mission Mill Museum)
- 147. WILLAMETTE HUMANE SOCIETY
- 148. WILLAMETTE MASTER CHORUS
- 149. WOODLAND CHAPEL, FIRST CHURCH OF RELIGIOUS SCIENCE
- 150. WOMEN ENDING HUNGER
- 151. YWCA